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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL VISIT

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1. PATRICIA FEENEY CALLED DEPARTMENT FROM NEW YORK MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1. SHE FLIES TO BUENOS AIRES NOVEMBER 2. AVEBURY AND DRINAN ARRIVE NOVEMBER 5. ALL THREE WILL REMAIN UNTIL NOVEMBER 15. VISIT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY DISCUSSED WITH ARGENTINE LONDON EMBASSY. VISITORS WILL INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, SURVEY SITUATION OF REFUGEES, ATTEMPT TO SECURE LIST OF PRISONERS, AND URGE GOA TO ISSUE EXILE DECREES ON SOME. IN BUENOS AIRES, GROUP WILL STAY AT EL PRESIDENTE HOTEL. THEY HOPE TO VISIT CORDOBA BUT MAY NOT RECEIVE PERMISSION. FEENEY WILL SEEK CONFIDENTIAL

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ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2 AND 5.

2. AMNESTY NEW YORK SAID BRITISH EMBASSY HAD AGREED TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE FOR ALL THREE, DRINAN INCLUDED, AND ASKED THAT U.S. EMBASSY ALSO DO THE SAME. AMNESTY SEEMS TO BE PARTICULARLY WORRIED REGARDING SAFETY OF MISS FEENEY. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED NAME OF WAYNE SMITH IN CASE SHE WISHED TO CALL EMBASSY.

3. DRINAN MAY NOT RETURN TO WASHINGTON BEFORE PROCEEDING BUENOS AIRES. IF HE IS AVAILABLE DEPARTMENT WILL DISCUSS ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WITH HIM. KISSINGER

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